THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 9.85 crores.

(c) This will depend upon the availability of funds in the coming years.

Acquisition of vessels for Inland Water Transport

236. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the allocations made during 1988-89 and 1989-90 for acquisition of vessles for inland water transport in the country;

(b) whether orders have since been placed for acquisition of these vessels;

(c) if so, whether these vessels are to be indigenously manufactured or to be imported; and

(d) what are the details thereof including the terms of acquisition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) With a view to augment the cargo carrying capacity of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation allocations made for acquisition of vessels are as follows:—

1988-89—Rs. 15.00 crores

1989-90—Rs. 26.00 crores.

(b) to (d) The Central Water Transport Corporation have placed orders for 63 vessels on indigenous yards. Out of 63 vessels, 12 vessels are being built in the Rajabagan Dockyard of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation. The Annual Plan for 1989-90 also provides for 2 hovercrafts for passenger service between Calcutta and Haldia on the National Waterway for which orders so far have not been placed.

Setting up of Regional Sports Training Centres

237. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Regional Sports Training Centres being set up in the country;

(b) what are the locations identified for the purpose and by when these Centres are likely to start functioning; and

(c) what is the number of coaches from abroad who are currently imparting training to our athletes in different Centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The following six Regional Centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have already been set up in the country (with headquarters given in bracket) for effective implementation of sports development programmes launched by SAI/Central Government in coordination with Sports Administrations of the concerned States/UTs:—

(i) Central Centre (at present Delhi.

(ii) Eastern Centre (Calcutta).

(iii) Northern Centre (at present Patiala).

(iv) North-East Centre (Imphal).

(v) Southern Centre (Bangalore).

(vi) Western Centre (Gandhi-Nagar).

These Centres are already functioning.